

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1033

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SERVICE TAX

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Service Tax Expert Group has been constituted to suggest measures to make existing procedure more effective and augment voluntary compliance of service tax;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which the panel is expected to give its final report;
- (d) whether the terms of reference include making recommendations on extending tax base in the area of service tax;
- (e) if so, whether any interim report is submitted by the expert group; and
- (f) if not, by when, the interim report will be submitted?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

- (a) & (b): Yes Sir, the Government have constituted an Expert Group on Service Tax under the chairmanship of Dr. M. Govinda Rao, Director, Institute of Social & Economic Change, Bangalore, with a view to examine various aspects connected with the field of taxing the services and to make recommendations in this regard.
- (c) The Expert Group has been asked to submit the final report to the Government by the 31st December, 2000.
- (d) Yes sir. The terms of reference of the Expert Group, inter-alia, includes examination of the existing structure of service tax and to make recommendations on extending the tax base in the area of services, and the timing thereof.
- (e) & (f): The Expert Group has been asked to submit an interim report to the Government by the 31st October, 2000.